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Applicants: MAKINO et al

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application in response to the office action dated January 16, 2008. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.